

## Score Clarification for HOSA Selected Competitive Events

**Multiple sections:** When there is more than one section of a competitive event, there will be two sets of judges. To compensate for the fact that the judges might score generally higher in one section or lower in one section, the standard deviation method is used to determine the competitors scores. If you would like to see how that is done, it is explained in the Competitive Events Manual. <http://www.hosa.org/natorg/sectb/appendic/A.pdf>

**Extemporaneous Health Poster:** All of the posters are judged and there are different numbers of judges based on the number of competitors but two judges are assigned to judge each poster. After the sections have completed their judging, the judges will select the best posters from each section and the judges will judge the top posters from each section as a group (all judges). This second judging will determine the top 10 posters. This often causes confusion when the results are posted because the scores might not look like they reflect the top ten winners but competitors must remember that the top posters are judged a second time from the multiple sections. This is explained in the event rules.

**Career Health Display:** Career Health Display in Wisconsin may be judged like Extemporaneous Health poster or as a Multiple Section event. Last year it was judged as a Multiple Section event because there were so many entries that it would have taken the 8 judges a very long time to look at all the displays again and agree on the top ten so it was figured as Nationals does it with the standard deviation of multiple sections. This year there were fewer entries so the judges felt they could decide on the top ten which is what they did. Again, when this method or the standard deviation method are used, the posted scores are sometimes confusing because of the second judging.

**Extemporaneous Writing:** Please read the judging procedure as explained in the Event Guidelines. **All papers are read** but not all papers are scored. The papers are read by two judges and the best papers are then scored to come up with the top 10 papers. <http://www.hosa.org/natorg/sectb/cat-iii/ew.pdf>

**Ties:** If you have any questions about how events are judged, each event has a flow chart which explains how it is done. It also explains how ties are broken so that a winner or higher place finisher may have the same score but there is always a method to break the tie.

**Test Scores:** Competitors, advisors and proctors should realize how the on-line tests are used in each event. Sometimes they are not included in their final score and standing and other times they are. Sometimes the team scores are averaged and other times they are totaled. This will sometimes make a difference in standings. For example, CPR is and Administrative Medical Assisting is not. HOSA Bowl scores are used for placement in the competition grid and Medical Spelling is for the order of spelldown competitors for the top fifteen (varies by number of total competitors). Once again, always check the Event guidelines. If the test is not taken, the student does not qualify to compete.